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(*d*) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the legitimate interests of the landowners of the foreshore?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The information is not readily available. A report is being called for from the Superintending Engineer (Food Production) and on receipt of his report the matter will be looked into."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" With due deference to the Hon. Minister, may I know where the need was for including this question in the list of questions for to-day if the required information was not available? Further, I have given notice of a short-notice question. In view of the fact that the officials concerned are acting high-handedly, terrorising the villagers and contributing to the growth of hostilities between the residents of the two villages, I would request the Hon. Minister to take the matter on hand and see how best he could solve the problem."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The mistake lies with the hon. Member himself. He asked me to waive notice and I waived notice in good faith. But the information is not readily available. Having himself asked me to waive notice, he puts the blame on me now."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know when this question was admitted by the Speaker for answer by the Minister and why there should be delay? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member gave notice of a starred question. Since he gave notice of a short-notice question also on the same subject, the Hon. Minister has answered the starred question giving the position with reference to that matter."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I am not concerned with the short-notice question. I am concerned only with the inclusion of this question in the list of questions for to-day when the Hon. Minister is not in a position—I mean no offence to him personally—to furnish the details."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This answer was given because the hon. Member gave notice of a short-notice question on the same subject."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The Assembly cannot switch on to the convenience of one Member."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Sri Vinayakam has not understood me properly. The hon. Member gave notice of a starred question. Since he gave notice of a short-notice question also on the same subject subsequently, the Hon. Minister has answered the original starred question with the particulars that he had on hand."

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Representation from the Malabar District Village Officers' Association.

* 260 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any action has been taken by the Government on the memorandum submitted to the Hon. the Chief Minister on 21st November 1953 by the Malabar District Village Officers, Association regarding their conditions of service, pay, dearness and travelling allowances, etc., and

(b) if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"(a) & (b) No such memorandum has been received."

Irrigation tanks in the Government Estate, Guindy.

* 261 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the irrigation tanks of Pallipattu and certain other villages are included in the Government Estate, Guindy?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"Two irrigation tanks, i.e., (1) Taramani Tangal irrigating Taramani village and (2) Kanagam Tank irrigating Pallipattu and Kanagam villages are within the Government House, Guindy."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—"The sluices of these two tanks are within the Government Estate, and the ayacutdars under these tanks have to go to the sluices to get water for irrigation. But the guards in the Government Estate prohibit them from entering the Estate and permit their entry only after taking illicit money. Are the Government aware of this malpractice and, if so, what action do they propose to take to check it?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"Government are aware of the fact that these ayacutdars are permitted to go and use the water. As to receiving illicit money, if the hon. Member had any occasion to know it, he may put it more specifically. We shall see what can be done."

Lending of bulldozers.

* 262 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of bulldozers in this State;

(b) the number of bulldozers lent by the Agriculture department to other departments of the Government; and

(c) how many of them are out of order in the Agriculture department and in other departments?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The total number of tractors available with the Agricultural Department is 158 of which 85 units are provided with bulldozer or bullgrader attachments.

" (*b*) Three heavy bull-dozers have been supplied to the Special Lignite Investigation Officers at Neiveli as a temporary measure.

" (*c*) Out of 158 units referred to above, 16 are on the repairs and overhauls list."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that three bulldozers lent to the lignite mining project in Neiveli are not in working order and that they were damaged by the North Indian employees? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no information."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know the charges that the agriculturists are asked to pay when they use bulldozers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that these bulldozers often times get out of order and rarely serve the purpose of reclamation of waste land and particularly because many of the tools for repair have to be brought down from America, will the Hon. Minister consider the opening of a factory for the manufacture of tools? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already given the information that out of 158 units that are available, only 16 are in the sick list. Therefore, the position is not as the hon. Member puts it. I do not think any additional workshop is necessary. We have already got a workshop and we are attending to repairs and renewal of parts very promptly."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Out of the 85 bulldozers, how many are supplied to the Ramanathapuram District and where are they stationed in that district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I want notice."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" இந்த bulldozer-கள் வருடத்தில் சராசரி எத்தனை நாட்களுக்கு அல்லது எத்தனை மாதங்களுக்கு வேலை செய்யாமல் இருக்கின்றன என்பதைப்பற்றி சர்க்காரிடத்தில் ஏதாவது கணக்கு இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not have statistics about the number of days that these bulldozers are not working. Whenever they are required in any area, we send them and very few go out of order."

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SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" Will arrangements be made to enable every taluk to have a chance for using these bulldozers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We are distributing them among the districts, and whenever a taluk wants them we transport them to the taluk concerned."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" விவசாயிகள் தங்களுடைய நிலங்களை சீர்திருத்தம் செய்யும் பொருட்டு இந்த bulldozerகளுக்காக மனுக் கொடுத்தால், அவைகள் வேலைசெய்வதற்கு வேண்டிய எண்ணெய்கள் இல்லை என்ற காரணத்தால், அவைகள் விவசாயிகளுக்கு பல மாதங்கள் தாமதித்துக் கிடைப்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? இதனால் விவசாயிகள் தாங்கள் செய்யவேண்டிய வேலையைச் செய்யமுடியாமல் கஷ்டப்படுவதை புரிந்துகொண்டு, சர்க்கார் தக்க நடவடிக்கையை எடுக்க முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to bring specific instances to my notice."

SRI A. SAMBASIVAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதிலளிக்கும்பொழுது 16 bulldozer-கள்தான் வேலை செய்யாதபடி முடங்கிக்கிடக்கின்றன என்று சொன்னார்கள். எங்கள் ஜில்லாவில் மாத்திரம் இருக்கின்ற ஆறு bulldozer-களில் D-4 என்ற மூன்றும் வேலை செய்யாதபடி முடங்கிக்கிடக்கின்றன. ஒன்று நாற்பது நாட்களில் பதினெட்டு நாட்கள் வேலை செய்திருக்கிறது. அதுவும் சாமான்களில்லாதபடி வேறு எங்கேயோ இரவல் வாங்கிக்கொண்டு வந்து ஒட்டப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதைப்பார்க்கும்பொழுது சற்றேறக்குறைய 90 சத விகிதம் bulldozer-கள் வேலை செய்யாமல் முடங்கிக் கிடக்கின்றன என்று சந்தேகப்படுகிறோம். அதிகாரிகளுடைய அறிக்கையில்லாதபடி, கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தனிப்பட்ட முறையில் இவ்விஷயத்தைக் கவனித்து விவசாயிகளுக்கு இக்கருவிகள் பயன் படும்படி செய்ய அவசரமாக நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க முன் வருவார்களா? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Perhaps the three are included in the sixteen units which are under repair. I am not an expert and I cannot go into it without the aid of experts."

SRI P. VENKATESA SHOLAGAR :—" போக்கு வரத்துச் செலவை நேரடியாக வேலை செய்பவர்களிடம் வசூலிப்பதால், சிறு நிலம் படைத்தவர்கள் இக்கருவிகளை உபயோகிக்க முடிவதில்லை ; பெரிய மிராசுதார்கள் மட்டும்தான் உபயோகிக்க முடிகிறது. மேலும் town-ஐச் சுற்றி உள்ளவர்களுக்குத்தான் இக்கருவிகள் சுலபமாகக் கிடைக்கின்றன. அதிகமானதூரம் போகவேண்டுமானால் அதிகச் செலவு ஆவதால், இவைகளை உபயோகிக்க முடியாதபடி தடை ஏற்படுகிறது. ஆகையால், போக்கு வரத்துச் செலவை வசூலிப்பதை நிறுத்த சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Tractors are now distributed on a no-profit-no-loss basis. I am afraid it will not be possible to waive the transport charges."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In view of the fact that the transport charges are higher if the bulldozers and tractors are brought from the district headquarters, will the Government think of stationing them in taluk headquarters? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I examined the suggestion whether tractors, etc., could not be distributed among the taluks. I found that in such a case, tractors might have to remain idle in some taluks for want of demand, when there might be demand from some other taluks. So on the whole, we thought it best to keep them in district headquarters."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" 16 bulldozer-கள் பழுதாகி இருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அவை எவ்வளவு காலமாக பழுதாகி இருக்கின்றன ? அவற்றை ரிப்பேர் செய்ய இன்னும் எவ்வளவு நாட்கள் பிடிக்கும் ? "

10-30 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not have the exact statistics, Sir. But, all these sixteen are old machines. For some of them, we are awaiting spare parts and as soon as the spare parts are received, they would be set right. Some others require overhauling. What I have to tell the hon. Member is that there is no undue delay in setting these things right."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" In South Arcot, I find that a long time is taken by the Department to distribute these bulldozers and tractors to ryots. Will the Government see that they are speedily supplied to the ryots whenever there is a demand for them? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. Whether it is in the South Arcot district or any other district, I shall again look into the matter and see that these are distributed as expeditiously as possible."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" பல லக்ஷக்கணக்கான ரூபாய்களை இந்த bulldozer-களுக்காக சர்க்கார் செலவிட்டிருப்பதால், அந்தப் பணம் வீணாக முடங்கிக்கிடக்காமலிருப்பதற்காக நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும் உத்தேசத்துடன், இந்த bulldozer-கள் எவ்வளவு நாட்களுக்கு நோய்வாய்ப்பட்டுக் கிடக்கின்றன என்பதை யெல்லாம் பரிசீலனை செய்து பார்க்க ஒரு பொது விசாரணைக்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall examine that suggestion, viz., whether the money that is invested on these tractors and bulldozers is properly utilized."

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" What is the maximum extent required to run a bulldozer economically? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no information."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" உணவு உற்பத்தியைப் பெருக்குவதற்காக, பல லக்ஷக்கணக்கான ரூபாய்களைச் செலவழித்து, தேசீய விஸ்தரிப்புத் திட்டம், சமுதாய நலத் திட்டம் முதலியவைகளை சர்க்கார் அமலாக்குகிறார்கள். ஆனால், விவசாயிகள், உணவு உற்பத்தியைப் பெருக்க இந்த bulldozer-கள் வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டால், அவர்களிடமிருந்து வழிச் செலவும் வசூலிக்கப்படுகிறது. அரசாங்கம் நஷ்டப்பட்டாவது விவசாயிகளுக்கு bulldozer-கள் கிடைக்கும்படி செய்வதற்காக வழிச்செலவைக் குறைக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

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MR. SPEAKER :—" இதே உபகேள்வியைத்தான் வேறு ஒரு அங்கத்தினரும் கேட்டிருக்கிறார் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, that is a different question, namely, whether the Government should grant subsidy to the agriculturists and owners of land in the matter of supplying bulldozers. I have stated that the scheme is worked on a ' No-profit-no-loss ' basis."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Have the Government got any statistics with regard to the land reclaimed by bull lozers during the last year? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. But I do not have them with me just now."

SRI N. C. RAMASAMY KANDER :—" வட ஆற்க்காடு ஜில்லாவில் எத்தனை bulldozer-கள் இருக்கின்றன ? அவற்றில் எத்தனை வேலை செய்கின்றன ? எத்தனை முடங்கிக்கிடக்கின்றன ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Improvements to the tank of Kammalampundi village, Chingleput district.

* 263 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the villagers of Kammalampundi in Kancheepuram taluk, Chingleput district, have been representing repeatedly that their village tank never got fully filled up for the past many years and that the matter should be investigated to improve the source of supply of this tank; and

(*b*) if so, whether the question was considered?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No such representations have been received by the Public Works Department of the Food Production Engineering Staff. A representation has, however been received by the Collector of Chingleput in this regard.

" (*b*) The question is under the consideration of the Public Works Department."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" In view of the fact that the matter is pending for over two decades, will the Hon. Minister for Public Works be pleased to see that the matter is investigated and action taken to complete the work as early as possible? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. It was only on the 18th February that the Executive Engineer sent a communication to the subordinate officer to submit an estimate. Actually, the channel rests with the Revenue Department whereas the tank is under the control of the Public Works Department."